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## Indianapolis Dedicates New First Unit

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, was the dedication date for the first unit of a new church of First Trinity Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Pastor William Larsen, President of the U.E.L.C. officiated at the dedication and preached at the morning service. The speaker for the afternoon service at 3 p.m. was Pastor John Frank of Advent Lutheran Church (U.L.C.A.) in Greenwood, Ind. The ground was broken on November 25 for the church at the congregation's new location in Northeast Indianapolis.

The building is a parish hall unit, allowing space for the building of the nave in future years. It is L shaped, with a chapel seating about 180 people, a social room, study, kitchen and other facilities all on ground floor. The building is of cinder block construction with stone and brick veneer. The original estimate of cost before construction was \$49,000.

The builder of the new building was Mr. Anker Siersbeck. The architect was Mr. Donald Hawk. The pastor of the congregation is Edward C. Eskildsen. We are thankful to God for this beautiful new church in a promising new location. We pray that it may be fruitful in propagating the Gospel and bring glory to the kingdom of God.



# Convention Notes

In our last issue we wrote about the beginning of the annual convention at Racine, Wis. Now we shall try to share with you the last three days.

However, Pastor Gilbert Jensen is appointed to write a report, so we shall only give impressions as we did last time.

Let us first say that it was a happy convention. There was no pressing business to make any one excited, and people seemed to enjoy themselves to the full. The chairs outside the church and the canteen were always occupied with people visiting with one another. Loud-speakers brought everything to all rooms and also to the outside, so it was a temptation to go out and visit.

Again we had a majority of women present as lay delegates. There were 217 lay delegates, 117 of them were women.

80 pastors were present.

Sunday was a big day with a very impressive ordination service and a sermon by pastor C. M. Videbeck.

**Missions.** The convention was very mission conscious. The report on home missions by Dr. K. M. Mathiesen was very inspiring. The address on Japan by Pastor Paul C. Johnsen was also uplifting.

Dr. Paul C. Empie challenged the convention with a inspiring address about Lutheranism in the world.

The business on Monday concerned itself with Dana College and Trinity Seminary. The College will have a separate report on page six. Here let us state that the decision to raise \$1,000,000 was passed without any opposition. We understand that this is not a general appeal to the congregations like the Forward with Christ. A good program will be set up as to the future of the college and then the funds will be sought primarily from interested persons.

**Stewardship.** A good deal of time was spent on a report of the stewardship committee. We may print the report later. It was decided to create an office of Stewardship Director of

the Synod. This man will serve the synod and the congregations that may call upon him.

**Elections.** The following elections were made:

## Church Council

Mr. Luther H. Lincoln, Oakland, Cal.  
Mr. Eskild Hauglund, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Synodical Treasurer

Mr. P. V. Hansen

## Synodical Board of Education

Rev. Ervin F. Bondo

## Board of Parish Education

Rev. Stanley Larsen

## Board of Pensions

Mr. Keith Knudsen

## Board of Foreign Missions

### JAPAN

Mrs. Elmer Christensen

### SANTAL MISSION

Rev. Robert Berthelsen

### SOUTH AMERICAN MISSION

Mr. Martin Iversen, Sidney, Mont.

### SUDAN MISSION

Rev. B. J. Engskow

## Board of Charities

Rev. Wesley M. Andersen

Mrs. Ralph Nielsen, Jacksonville, Iowa

## Lutheran Publishing House

Rev. F. C. M. Hansen

Mr. John S. Gebuhr, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Mr. Marcus Beck, Fremont, Nebraska

## Statistician

Pastor P. C. Jensen

## Chairman for Convention 1958

Rev. C. S. Kloth

## Ass't Chairman for 1958 Convention

Rev. Chr. Justesen

## Committee on Resolutions

Rev. Anker Jensen

Miss Ruth E. Johnson, Denmark, Wis.

## PENSION FUND

Two Resolutions were adopted:

"To add to the age retirement or disability pension to a member becoming entitled thereto in accordance with the provisions of the pension plan after the effective date, such amount as will be sufficient to bring such pension, excluding any pension

from additional credits under Article Five and Twelve, up to a minimum pension in effect at that time as determined by the Church; providing that the member has been in active service in the church body for less than twenty-five years, with proportional supplemental benefit; a service of less than twenty-five years. For the purposes of this provision the word "Member" shall include any pensioner in a pension plan or synodically supported institution whose pension from that plan does not equal the minimum pension; that he may receive the difference from this fund."

"That the minimum monthly pension for retired pastors be increased effective May 1, 1957, from \$60 per month to \$65 per month with a per month increase each following May 1st until the minimum pension reaches a maximum of \$75 per month; and that the widows' minimum pension be increased from \$40 per month to a maximum of \$45 per month effective May 1, 1957."

## THE SYNODICAL BUDGET

The Synodical budget was adopted as follows.

	1957-58	1958-59
General Fund	\$ 45,453.04	\$ 51,000.00
Children's		
Homes ...	21,275.00	21,275.00
Indian Mission		
Parish ...	7,900.00	7,900.00
Home Missions		
Church Extension	73,383.00	74,000.00
Pension Fund	71,400.00	73,000.00
Dana College	120,030.00	120,030.00
Trinity Theological Sem.	15,725.00	15,466.00
½ Pre-Merger Responsibility	24,000.00	24,000.00
<b>TOTALS ....</b>	<b>\$379,166.04</b>	<b>\$387,677.00</b>

The one third pre-merger responsibility of \$24,000.00 may need an explanation. The American Lutheran Church will need a fund with which to start of \$2,000,000. This is checking account it should have by 1, 1961. Besides that a fund of \$500,000 will be needed during the year 1960 as the boards begin to set up their offices and the commissions prepare for 1961.

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\$2,500,000 have been pro-rated confirmed membership of the or four bodies. UELC will have its share of \$72,000. Instead of that in one year it was de- to spread it over a period of years.

### THE SYNODICAL W.M.S.

W.M.S. of Synod which com- 264 societies of the Women of Church also has its meetings synodical convention. We quote port of the women in full:

25th annual convention of the n's Missionary Society was held urday afternoon, June 15, follow- the theme, "Rejoice in the Lord s," with 173 pastors' wives and tes present. The meeting was d with devotion and prayer by einer Jacobsen. Greetings were t from the local W.M.S. by the ent, Mrs. Robert Larson; from LC by Mrs. Ehlers, president of Wisconsin district; and from the y Mrs. David, president of the ukee circuit. Rev. Archie Mad- ho wrote the devotional program t for All," spoke a few words, the societies to study the book illippians.

garet Miller, president of the . also brought to our attention ew book on foreign missions, Word Goes Forth," edited by inna Engskow, and the program on South America by Luella n. Mrs. Elmer Christensen was ted secretary pro tem in the e of Mrs. Edwin Petrusson. The received to date for Silver An- ary offerings is \$5,845.19.

motion carried to place on file resident's and Treasurer's re- as well as the minutes from ear's convention. Correspond- was read from Sister Ingeborg, C. A. Vammen, Maya Winther inna Bog Madsen. Two applica- or membership were recognized, St. Andrew's Church in Whit- California, and from Salem La-

dies' Aid at the Old People's Home in Elkhorn, Iowa.

A love gift of \$25.00 was given to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Johnsen.

Mrs. Holm, Mrs. Mary Lundsberg, Mrs. T. C. Hansen, and Mrs. C. E. Christensen were appointed tellers. Mrs. Paul Neve presented the nomina- tions. Elections resulted as follows:

Mrs. George Pallesen, Ringsted, Iowa  
—Vice-President.

Mrs. James Olsen, Lincoln, Nebraska  
—Treasurer

Mrs. Richard Videbeck and Mrs. Carl Nelson—Auditors

The following motions were made and carried:

1. That we allocate from the ex- pendable balance of \$1,200.00, ½ to Dana Foundation and ½ for Litera- ture.

2. That the fares for District Presi- dents to Synodical Convention be taken from the synodical treasury.

3. That necessary expenses of the ex- ecutive board be allowed to merger meetings and Lutheran World Feder- ation meetings.

4. That an Assistant Treasurer be appointed by the W.M.S. Executive Board, and assist in a manner desig- nated by the Treasurer.

5. That a simple adding machine be supplied for the use of the Treasurer.

6. That the offering received at the Mission Service be given to the Japan Mission.

7. That the \$200.00 formerly given to the Utah Mission be included in the Home Mission budget.

8. That we give an additional \$200.00 to Lutheran World Federation.

9. That the Executive Board be au- thorized to make arrangements to as- sist a worthy Foreign Mission student, recommended by our missionaries with

the sum of \$500.00 to attend Dana Col- lege if such opportunity may arise.

The following budget was adopted:

Japan Mission .....	\$ 1,750
Santal Mission .....	1,750
South American Mission ....	3,000
Sudan Mission .....	2,000
Dana Foundation .....	1,000
Home Missions .....	800
Pension Fund .....	200

**TOTAL .....** \$10,500

Discussions were held concerning the advisability of electing all District and local officers within the same quarter to facilitate maintaining an up-to-date mailing list.

Suggestions and experiences were given concerning the organization of Women of the Church.

At 5:30 P.M. the Silver Anniversary Banquet was held in Our Savior's Church parlors. Mrs. Leo M. Andersen was the toast-mistress. The new of- ficers were installed, and cusic was provided by the Gethsmane Teen-Age Choir. A "Mission Review" was pre- sented, opened with devotions by Mrs. Merrill Paulsen, president of the Wis- sonsin District. The early organization of the W.M.S. was given in dialogue by Mrs. N. B. Hansen and Mrs. F. C. M. Hansen. Mrs. Mary Lundsberg in- troduced workers or representatives from the four mission fields, including a delightful talk by Mrs. Paul Johnsen from Japan, a greeting from Rev. Jack Jacobsen for Africa, Miss Muriel Nielsen from Santal, and Mrs. Samuel Hansen for South America.

The Evening Mission Service was held in Our Savior's Church, with the Rev. Paul Johnsen, missionary to Ja- pan as the speaker. Our new mission- aries, the Mark Thomsens were pre- sented, together with their parents. This was indeed an inspirational serv- ice. The offering received amounted to \$712.27, to be given to the Japan Mission.

whole trouble with Christians is that they are only playing at Christian. They have never really n for a holy, dynamic Christian ecause they are afraid to pay ce. I tremble in my own soul at ock many will get when they ur Lord and discover that the they have cherished, the doc- they have embraced, and the they have said they believed, anded them in hell because their have never become action, and ble has never become practice, eir lives have never been made

holy. The law at the foot of the mount of judgement has to be fulfilled not by us, thank heaven, but in us by the Holy Spirit.

Alan Redpath, in  
**Victorious Christian Living**  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

If anybody says that a Christian is a man from whose life the possibility of sin has been eradicated I cannot agree with him, nor do I believe that such a doctrine is to be found any- where in God's Word. No, the possibil- ity of sin is with us; we live in the

body of sin, and we will be with it until we die. But also within us is a mightier power: the Spirit of Christ Himself, overcoming the power of the flesh. Therefore God asks me His child and each one of us, to step into the audience chamber of the King of kings and yield to the knife for the pruning. "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it," says the Lord Jesus, "that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:2).

Alan Redpath, in  
**Victorious Christian Living**,  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).



## News and Notes

**Lynwood, California**—St. Paul's Lutheran—Pastors Allan D. Hansen and Douglas J. Toepel. This congregation passed another mile-stone as its Confirmed membership passed the 1,000 mark. This was one of our first churches started under the new home mission program.

**LFC Re-enters merger discussions.** Lutheran Free Church which had its annual convention June 11-16, at Minneapolis, Minn., decided to re-enter the negotiations that is, become a part of The American Lutheran Church in 1960. A vote will be taken in the congregations of the LFC later. We feel sure, however, that this means that the LFC will be with us.

**West Canada District** will have its annual convention at Red Deer, Alberta, August 1-4. Delegates and friends are kindly invited.

Those who intend to stay at hotels or motels should make early reservations, since the Red Deer Annual Fair is held at this time.

Arrangements are made to provide lodging in private homes. Those who desire such accommodations should write as soon as possible to Mrs. G. W. Swanson, 4118 42nd Street, Red Deer, Alberta.

**Eugene, Alberta.** The Pro Deo et Patri Award was given to Kenneth Jensen, a life scout of Bethesda Lutheran Church, Ingward Olsen, pastor. His special project was the making of an altar.

### PARISH EDUCATION LUNCHEON THIRD WORLD ASSEMBLY Minneapolis, Minnesota

On Saturday, August 17, one noon hour feature at the Third World Assembly will be a parish education luncheon at the Leamington Hotel at 12:30 - 2:00. The program will consist of an exchange of information on parish education by representatives of five foreign nations. This luncheon is for pastors, superintendents, teachers, parents . . . in fact anyone interested in parish education.

There are only a limited number of tickets available. The price is \$3.00 which includes coverage of the planning committee's expenses and your tips. A great demand for tickets is anticipated and we will have to use the "first there, first served" policy in regard to tickets. Procure your ticket immediately from Miss Joel, Augsburg College, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

Checks should be made payable to: Mildred Joel (Parish Ed. Luncheon).

Your early reservation is necessary for our successful planning!

Mrs. Stanford J. Morton,  
Publicity Chairman

**Native of Jerusalem Speaks at Minnesota W.M.S.** Members of the Wisconsin Circuit of the Minnesota District W.M.S. met at Luck, May 28th to hear Mr. Samih Ismir tell of his experiences during the conflict of Jews and Arabs in and around his native city of Jerusalem since the year 1946. He gave a clear picture of the unrest and turmoil in the Holy City and made a very eloquent appeal to American Christians to aid his countrymen, especially through Lutheran World Action, whose work he praised very highly.

Mr. Ismir was brought to this country through the efforts of the United Nations. He is a graduate of Waldorf College in Iowa and has now completed two years of work at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He plans to return to Jerusalem for his year of internship and then come back to Luther Seminary for his final year and ordination, if political conditions permit.

### LUCK WISCONSIN TO BUILD NEW CHURCH

The steadily increasing church and Sunday School attendance here has resulted in overcrowded conditions in the present building facilities. Attendance at church services has required holding two services for the past year and a half. Sunday School classes fill all available space in the church.

Several months of planning and study have been devoted to a solution of this problem. Efforts toward this project resulted in an Every-Member-Visitation which was held on June 2.

Assistance in organizing and conducting this every-member visit and financial drive was furnished by Rev. C. Grimstvedt of the ELC Stewardship Division. The program carried out during the month of May included a series of letters to all members, publication of a building program brochure, numerous committee meetings and training sessions, prayer meetings at the homes of congregation members and a congregation dinner. The dinner, held in the High School Auditorium, was served by the Milltown Ladies Aid and was attended by almost 100% of the adults of the congregation and Luther Leaguers.

On Sunday afternoon, June 2, two-man visitation teams called at the homes of every member to take their

pledges to a building fund. About 100 people from the congregation and other League took part in the visitation. Pledges made over a 150 week period totaled about \$41,000.

At present it has not yet been decided what type of building will be built. But as a result of the suggestions promised by the pledges and contributions from members and friends, and the amount currently on hand in the Building Fund, it is felt that the needed new building or new addition can soon get started. Reyonn Tange is pastor at Luck.

### L.W.F. BANQUET

According to the number of inquiries already received in the Lutheran World Federation Assembly on August 1, one of the highlights of the Third World Assembly will be the Banquet to be held at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis on Friday evening, August 17 at seven o'clock.

The evening's program will include greetings by Dr. F. Eppling Reider, New York, President of the National Lutheran Council, host of the event with a response by the President of the Lutheran World Federation, Dr. Op Hanns Lilje, Hannover, Germany. The main address will be presented by a representative of the Church, a greeting from one of America's outstanding leaders in public life. Mr. Jule Zaanen, Minister of Music, Church of the Reformation in Washington, D. C., will sing. Background music will be provided by a string ensemble from the Minneapolis Symphony.

All overseas delegates and overseas official visitors will be guests at the banquet. Representatives of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation as well as American delegates and American official visitors are invited to purchase tickets for this event. In addition, a limited number of tickets will be available for visitors planning to attend the Assembly. Besides the individual meal cost, the price of tickets (\$7.50 per plate) includes the cost of the dinners for all overseas guests.

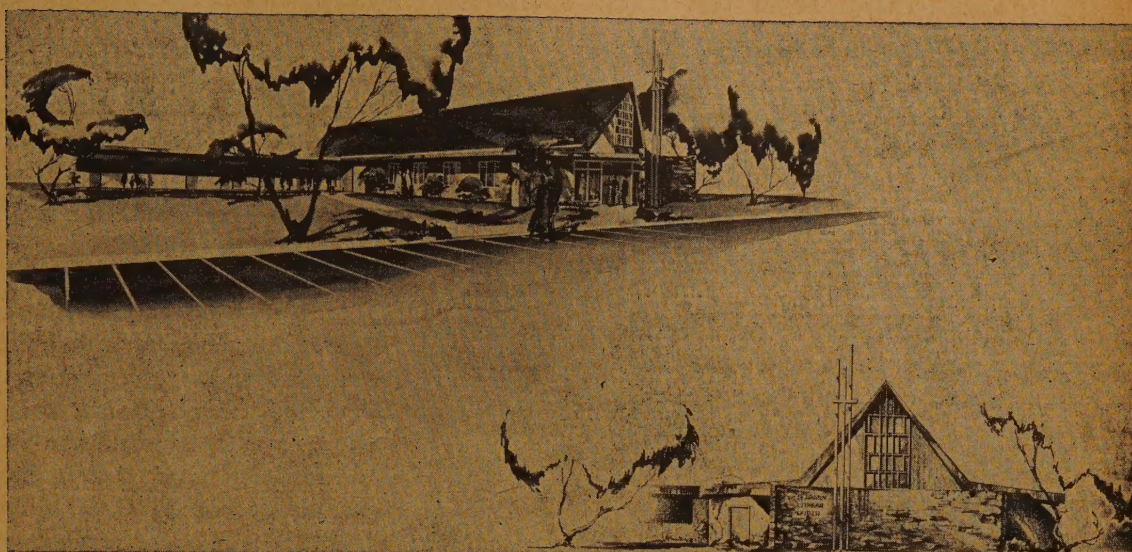
Because of the limited seating the number of tickets is necessarily restricted. Requests for these tickets will be filled in the order in which they are received. Reservations and the remittance in check or cash in order should be sent as soon as possible to:

Banquet Ticket Chairman  
Lutheran World Federation  
701 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

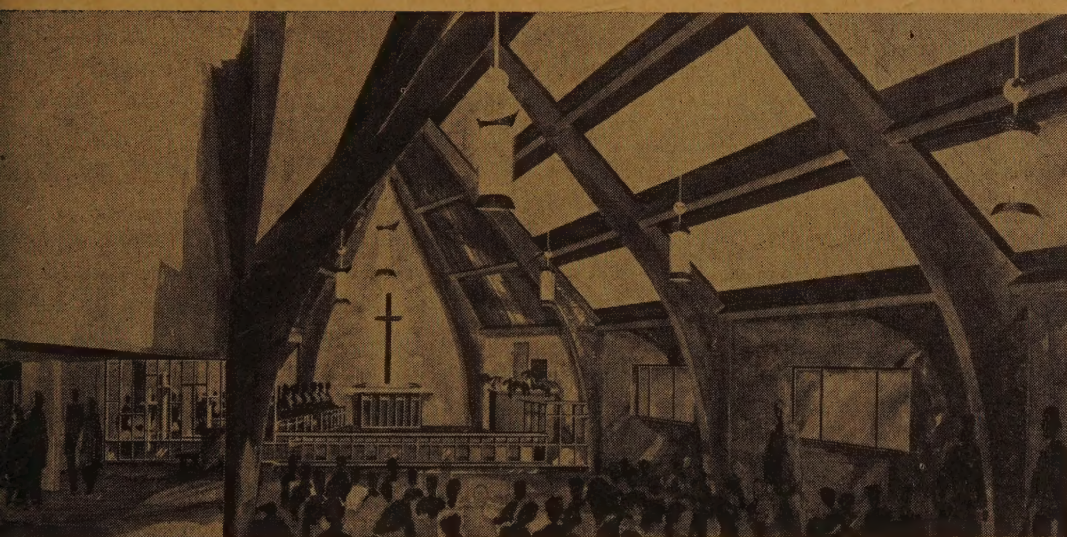
It is suggested that these reservations be sent early because after August 15th, the tickets will go on sale in Minneapolis.



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*Exterior views—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—Whittier, California*



*Interior—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—Whittier, California*

This church is a home mission church started in November, 1956, and organized March 3, 1957.

It has about 350 baptized members. The Rev. Verner Carlsen is pastor of this newest home mission congregation.

Andrew Lutheran Church, Whittier, California, announces the Dedication of its Chapel-Parish Hall, Sunday, at 3 p.m.

William Larsen, president of the U.E.L.C. will officiate at the Dedication Service. He will be assisted by Rev. Christensen, president of the Pacific District; Rev. Verner Carlsen, pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church; and the local pastors of the Los Angeles area.

In addition to the Chapel-Parish Hall with a seating capacity of 300, this first unit of the church plant contains

two offices, a Sunday school room, a kitchen, a nursery, and rest rooms.

The nave features a high, arched beam ceiling in soft grey tones. Central attention is drawn to the white altar. Shades of aqua and violet are also used in the chancel.

A curved, natural-stone wall forms the one exterior wall of the glass-enclosed narthex. A triple-cross arrangement of white stands before it. These and the high, peaked roof stand to announce to the surrounding community and thoroughfares: "Here stands a Christian House of God." To this the building will be dedicated, July 7, 1957.



## The Mentally Retarded Children Within Our Church

By Chaplain Sigurd D. Petersen

It is generally estimated that three percent of the population of our country is mentally retarded in various degrees. The school population of the United States is about 30,000,000. Of these 900,000 boys and girls are retarded. According to these figures we should have within the membership of the United Ev. Lutheran Church approximately 1,860 mentally retarded adults and children, and of our 24,813 Sunday School children approximately 745 would be mental defectives. Besides the 3% (I.Q. below 70) there is another 5% of our children and young people who are borderline defectives (I.Q. 70-79) who need special consideration especially in the area of feeling accepted in an average group.

Considerable attention has been given to most types of handicapped children such as the blind, crippled, polio victims, etc., but very little to the mentally handicapped. Attached to the terms used to describe these unfortunate is a stigma that tends to set them apart and heap upon their families an added load to a burden already too heavy to bear. Any abnormality tends to make us withdrawn from the victims. We become uneasy in their presence and no doubt these feelings on our part are transferred to them. If this is true of physical defects it is doubly true of mental abnormality. The consequences are obvious. The mentally defective have either been shunted off to institutions for custodial care or been hidden away in the home. There are notable exceptions. No doubt most of us know of individuals who are a part of the church life, who have been accepted over the years and would even be missed if they should fail to come. They are exceptions, however, and what has made their presence acceptable is closely related to the well integrated church life of the family.

What is needed is a shift from a negative feeling about these people to a positive acceptance. Our Christian position must be that these, too, are God's children redeemed by Christ. They, too, have a soul, an inner life; that needs to be nourished. It is up to the rest of us to learn the know-how.

That there are likely 745 retarded children in our U.E.L.C. means that there are 745 homes and families

Sigurd D. Petersen is a pastor of our synod serving as chaplain at Parsons State Hospital, Parsons, Kansas.

significantly involved. If the church can say meaningfully to a family that its child belongs to God, that it is a part of the church, and that its spiritual needs are the church's concern, it has rendered a valuable service in giving real support to parents who desperately need help and understanding.

In my position as the chaplain at the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center it is my duty to meet with parents when they bring their retarded children to the institution. When I ask about their child's religious training, it is not uncommon to receive this answer: "We could not bring our child to Sunday School and Church, so we did not go."

The Board of Parish Education of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is at present doing some pioneer work in research and publication of material to be used in Sunday School in the religious training of the mentally retarded. They have available a pamphlet entitled "Organizing Religious Classes for Mentally Retarded Children" which contains suggestions regarding a program of Christian education for children who require special teaching because of mental retardation. In this pamphlet is a very comprehensive bibliography of material for the mentally retarded child which I would recommend to parents, teachers, and pastors.

My own experience in trying to meet the religious needs of 400 retarded girls and boys amply warrants my confidence that the "faith once delivered to the fathers" is valid also in these children's lives. Their current lives are immensely enlarged by an experience of religious love. We find it rewarding to have religious classes for children that are too low mentally for any real type of religious training.

Just one thing more! From my present remote position in relation to congregational work, I try to look back at my Luther League work and muse a little about how our youth has been able to integrate and support themselves. Teenagers who are the less able ones. What happens to the boy or girl who did not do well in school, or who never did go?

### BOOK REVIEWS

One among many signs of spiritual growth (almost too obvious to mention!) is maturity. When we grow, we grow up. We grow to maturity, don't we? Or at least we are supposed to be growing toward it. But how many of us confuse Christian business with maturity? How many of us confuse noisy meetings and numbers of forced testimonies with true spiritual maturity? Noisy meetings can be meetings of mature Christians. And certainly

many busy Christians are mature, or at least maturing. The point I want to make is simply that the common signs we use are not always accurate.

Mature Christians are Christians who act more and more every day like Jesus Christ.

Eugenia Price, in  
**Early Will I Seek Thee**  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Very few seem to know that the Christian Life is not merely a way to be good, or to find fellowship with other human beings whose hearts also

long. Very few seem to realize that a Christian is not one who can snap prayer-fingers and God will obey; but one who seems to realize that being a Christian is not simply being sure you are ready to receive whatever you conceive of as heaven. Or not going to whatever you conceive of as hell.

Very few seem to know that being a Christian is Christ living in us now. A Christian is one in whom Christ lives right now!

Eugenia Price, in  
**Early Will I Seek Thee**  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)



# Prayer as a Privilege

By M. Jorgensen

The true Church is more concerned about growth in holiness and character than in increase of membership and expansion of organizations. For the Church recognizes that it is influential in society in direct proportion to its awareness of God and its commitment to His will.

The way in which the awareness of God is expressed, is in the prayer life of the Church and in the prayer life of the individual member of the Church.

## Prayer by compulsion

Prayer is considered by some as a heavy duty, at best a matter of necessity, and by others as joyous privilege. In the Old Testament the priests of Baal prayer was a heavy obligation, they cried to their god for rain, when rain had not come for three years and six months. They cried to their god not because of tender affection but because they would use their god as a source of gain and of convenience.

For many people prayer was a matter of last resort, when a small boy was imperiled in a well twenty-three feet deep for nearly twenty-four hours. Again and again, when man has done his all, he turns to God and expects Him to make right what man has done wrong. Even at the end of time the kings and the great men, the generals and the rich and the strong and every slave and free, will call on the mountains and the hills; "Fall on us and hide us . . ." it will be because of fear and despair.

## Prayer as an expression of fellowship

In a Christian sense prayer is not a heavy "must" but a joyous "may." Prayer is not a heavy obligation but a God-given privilege. Prayer is not a matter of legalism but one aspect of the gospel.

When the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to say: Our Father, who art in heaven," we take that to mean that He hereby tenderly encourages us to believe that He is truly our Father, and that we are truly His children, and that we may boldly and confidently come to Him, and that as beloved children come to their dear father."

Our prayers will never be what they ought to be unless we consider prayer a privilege. For God is more than man's last resort. God is truly and wants to be the Father of all believers in Jesus Christ.

To pray is to commune with God, that is to fellowship with Him, that is intentionally. And the intent is to live in order to please God!

That lofty intent can not be reached without prayer. Prayer as a privilege.

## Prayer as a privilege has four aspects

**Prayer as scrutiny.** Prayer has a radical meaning. The root meaning of prayer is scrutiny. To pray is to scrutinize—to practice self-scrutiny or self-examination.

"... ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full." John 16:24.

As we pray, that is as we scrutinize ourselves in God's presence, too often we find our prayers on the low level in this fashion:

"God bless me and my wife,  
Our son John and his wife,  
Us four  
And no more."

But what a terrible existence it is, when self-seeking even enters our prayer life!

The yielding of man's will and the acceptance of God's will is the aspect of prayer, which the Lord Jesus emphasized when He taught His disciples to pray: "Our Father . . . Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

This aspect of prayer we find in practice in the earthly life of our Lord and Master as we read: "And he withdrew—knelt down and prayed: Not my will, but Thine be done—and being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling upon the ground."

Prayer as self-examination has a definite place in the life of the Church. It is a privilege when the will and the intent of man yield to the will and intent of God.

2. Prayer as seeking a blessing. Prayer is something far greater than a cheap substitute for idleness of hand and laziness of mind.

An apostolic command reads: If any man will not work, neither let him eat!

He who stands idle on the market place will neither have the joy of the direct reward nor the joy which is found in a task well and faithfully done.

To turn to God and use Him as an all-convenient bellboy is an expression of ignorance and ungodliness.

When man in his deepest of yearnings—the yearning not for God's gifts but for God's fellowship—acknowledges: I am an unprofitable servant, seeks God and God's presence, the miracle happens—the miracle of God hearing and granting man a blessing!

To pray is not to seek what man himself, individually or collectively, may provide, but rather to witness the impossible not only become possible but being realized.

It is a privilege when man may obtain from God that which man himself can not provide.

3. Prayer as thanksgiving. To pray is not only to make a petition, but to say: Thanks to Thee, O heavenly Father, for Thy gifts to me!

To ask for more is an expression of poverty; to be moved by gratefulness is an expression of wealth.

Prayer as thanksgiving is not the dubious and perilous attitude of the self-righteous, who says: God, I thank thee that I am no like other men . . .!

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# Dana and Blair Hail UELC Convention Action

By C. C. Madsen, President, Dana College

A few days after our UELC convention in Racine a candidate for a position on the Dana College staff and his wife came to Blair for an interview. Before coming to the campus they spent part of the morning in downtown Blair looking over the city and inquiring as to the college-community relationships. When they later came to the campus they commented on the enthusiastic interest and loyalty for Dana they had encountered in their downtown visits. Typical, they said, was a stop in a local restaurant. They asked a waitress how the Blair folks felt toward Dana, whereupon she handed them copies of the two Blair newspapers and pointed to the banner headlines, saying, "This will answer your question better than I can." The Blair *Enterprise* headed its front page story, CONVENTION OK's EXPANSION PLANS AT DANA. The *Pilot-Tribune* carried a full front-page head which read, \$1,000,000.00 EXPANSION AT DANA COLLEGE, with a sub-heading "Green Light to Dana."

Dana College joins the Blair community in grateful and enthusiastic appreciation for this far-reaching decision on the part of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. By unanimous voice vote at the meeting of the Dana College and Trinity Seminary Corporation on Saturday and by a decisive majority ballot vote by the UELC delegates in the closing session on Tuesday the convention adopted the following resolution presented by Chairman Harold Holm of the Board of Trustees:

## Dana College Development Resolution

The Church Council and the Board of Trustees of Dana College jointly endorse and recommend for adoption the following resolution of the Dana College administration:

WHEREAS Dana College, the only College of our United Evangelical Lutheran Church, has, since its founding in 1899, been constantly sustained by the grateful devotion of our Church, has inspired and trained the majority of our pastors and many Christian leaders for nearly all our parishes, and will continue to stand in The American Lutheran Church as a living monument to our Synod's goodly heritage, and

WHEREAS the United Evangelical Lutheran Church is confident that Dana College can continue to play a significant role in the future of Christian Higher Education, knowing that American colleges and universities expect to expand by more than

one-fifth during the next four years and to double their enrollments by 1970, and

WHEREAS the United Evangelical Lutheran Church is desirous that Dana College shall enter the forthcoming merger of Lutheran churches prepared to make her full contribution among the Lutheran colleges of America, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary at its meeting at Dana College on March 18 and 19, 1957, took the following actions in response to recommendations by the College administration outlining specific steps in a long-range development program for Dana College (this first phase to be carried out in a four-year period ending December 31, 1960): namely,

FIRST, personal commitments by members of the Board to provide a fund of \$10,000.00 toward capital expansion;

SECOND, acceptance with appreciation of the offer by a committee of leading citizens of Blair to promote the raising of a substantial sum for development in recognition of the place and potential of Dana College in the community;

THIRD, directions to the administration to initiate a program to raise up to \$1,000,000 which shall be used to erect needed buildings and to strengthen the educational program of the College, these funds to be sought primarily from interested persons who have a strong concern for Dana's place in Christian Higher Education;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Church Council and the Board of Trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary request the Dana College and Trinity Seminary Corporation in convention assembled to endorse the spirit and the provisions contained in this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dana College and Trinity Seminary Corporation authorize the Board of Trustees and the administration of Dana College to proceed to carry out the development program set forth in this resolution.

## The Way Ahead

Earlier this year the Board named a special Implementation Committee for the Dana Development program. Board members Dr. Glenn Lundstrom of Blair and Mr. Boas Weismann of Omaha, together with Simon Korshoj, Blair contractor, comprise this committee. This group, together with Mr. Peder Mickelsen of Minneapolis, also a Board member, has met since the convention with the site planning engineer. With his approval negotiations are under way for acquisition of two tracts of property adjacent to the campus which will provide unlimited space for future development. As soon as these steps are completed the program will be fully under way.



is stated in the resolution the plan for initiating program is to seek larger gifts from individuals and inside and outside our Church rather than ask donors and parishes to sponsor a drive for funds. We are sincerely grateful for the suggestion made by our President of Synod to the convention that, beginning in 1958, the UELC put forth a special effort for Dana during the years remaining until the Lutheran merger is completed. As our President has emphasized, Dana will continue to stand in The American Lutheran Church as a living monument in the heart of America in the history and the heritage of our United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We believe sincerely that the heart of the resolution we have adopted is expressed in its opening statements: WHEREAS Dana College, the only college of our UELC, has since its founding in 1899 been constantly sustained by the grateful devotion of our Church . . . ., and

WHEREAS the UELC is confident that Dana College can continue to play a significant role in the future of Christian Higher Education . . . ., and

WHEREAS the UELC is desirous that Dana College shall enter the forthcoming merger of the Lutheran Churches prepared to make her full contribution among the Lutheran colleges of America . . . .

We are confident that these statements also represent the consecrated and determined conviction of our Church. In this spirit we are assured that, under God, the vision expressed in the resolution we have adopted will become a glorious reality.

## PRAYER AS A PRIVILEGE

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Prayer as thanksgiving is the expression of the soul who is overwhelmed by God's constant love. In this sense prayer is prominent in the language of the believer of all ages.

Praise leaped from the soul of the psalmist because of answered prayers, when he wrote: "I will bless the Lord all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and led him out of all his troubles."

The great teacher of the Church writes that because God has given me life and still preserves me and provides for me, I am in duty bound to thank and to praise him. It may appear difficult, but it is truly a privilege, when man is in duty bound to give thanks and praise.

Prayer as praise and adoration. When the Church prays for growth day by day in grace and holiness, it includes growth in the life of prayer.

The life of prayer knows of growth. Prayer begins with self-examination, proceeds to ask for benefits, the giving of which causes thanksgiving and thanksgiving reaches a climax in praise and adoration.

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## THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

### TEACHING, TRAVEL AND STUDY ARE ON SUMMER SCHEDULES OF DANA PROFESSORS

Professors at Dana College, whether on their home campus or elsewhere, have a busy schedule of summer activities. Some will travel, others are teaching, and several have special fellowships and grants for summer graduate study.

Bruce Jensen, instructor in mathematics, was awarded a stipend for eight weeks of special study at the Institute for College Teachers of Mathematics at the University of Kansas. Participants in this institute come from states across the nation and are selected by staff members of the University on the basis of "professional competence and capacity to develop as teachers."

Lloyd G. Refsell, professor of Greek and philosophy, has received a scholarship for participation in the Danforth Faculty Summer Seminar at the School of Religion of the State University of Iowa. The topic to be considered by the twenty-five college and university teachers who have been selected is "Religious Perspectives in College Teaching."

Paul V. Hansen, Jr., instructor in chemistry, has a teaching assistantship at the University of Nebraska for the summer. In addition to teaching a course at the University, he will also take courses toward the Ph.D. degree.

Dr. William C. Smith, professor of sociology, is a writer whose works are so authoritative that references to them appear constantly in books in his field. In the July issue of *Sociology and Social Research*, an international journal published at the University of Southern California, his article "The Group and the Church" appears. It is the result of several years of observation and study. Boys tend to drop out of Sunday school at the age of 15—and it is at this age level that delinquencies increase. Dr. Smith suggests that the church has a responsibility to hold teen-agers and thus be a preventive instrumentality in the problem of juvenile delinquency. Dr. Smith, home in Missouri for the summer, is studying and writing.

F. William Thomsen, professor of art, plans special study with one of the professors of art at Iowa State University at Ames. In addition, he will serve as interim pastor in his former parish at Moorhead, Ia.

Faculty travellers to foreign countries include the inveterate globe-trotter, Miss Elja McCullough, professor of education, who this year has her eye on a trail that will take her group into Canada. Dr. Herta Engelman, professor of English, will spend two months travelling in Europe with a study group. Miss Edie Skobo, admissions counselor for the past two years, will also explore Europe and hopes to continue the trip to the Near East. English professor Norman C. Bansen has plans for Baja California, Mexico, and the Shakespeare festivals at San Diego, Calif., and at Ashland, Ore.

Permanent staff members who are also teaching in the Dana summer sessions are Dr. Elmer M. Rasmussen, Miss Elja McCullough, Miss Aagot D. Hoidahl, Mrs. J. P. Nielsen, C. Arthur Christiansen and Norman C. Bansen. Miss Barbara Hansen, Council Bluffs, Ia., is also a member of the summer staff.



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THE LUTHER LEAGUE

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LINES

From

OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

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TWO WEEKS WITH YOUR CARAVAN TEAM

By George J. Robertson

Cameras clicked and tears rolled down youthful cheeks as we gathered to say "Goodbye" to Carol Madsen, Alice Nelson, Noel Petersen and Jim Sorensen, members of your first Luther League Caravan Team.

It was Sunday, May 26. The Commencement festivities at Dana College were just coming to a close on the campus.

It will take a long time to forget the joy that filled our hearts as we formed a "friendship circle," bowed our heads in prayer to God for His blessing and protection on the team. We knew it was God who had prospered the plans for the selection, training and scheduling of these four young Christians for work in eleven churches and one Bible Camp this summer.

The 1951 Buick, purchased for the use of the team by three friends of the Caravan project, was loaded almost to the limit of its springs with suitcases and boxes of Luther League and Dana College promotional materials.

Weekly Reports

A little more than a week later, the first report, prepared by secretary Alice and treasurer Joel, arrived at the Youth Office with a brief note from captain, Carol. (Jim is team manager, so all have definite responsibilities.)

What a thrill to read the report of the first week. Arriving at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado on Monday afternoon, the remainder of that day was spent in briefing by Pastor Norlan Hanson and in getting settled for work. Thursday was Memorial Day, leaving only three working days for the week. But the report showed 21 persons ready to unite with St. Mark's by letter of transfer, 35 adults indicating they would enroll in the Pastor's class to prepare for confirmation, four adults desiring to prepare for baptism, 51 children baptized, and 37 children for the Sunday School! And this is only the visible result of the witness for Christ

brought by these consecrated young people to hundreds of homes that first short week!

Not least important was the report that they had contacted eight young people who became interested in coming to Dana College to continue their education at high school.

Is it any wonder that the words of The Doxology came to my mind as I held that report before me? You, have a part in sending out this team through your support of your Synodical Luther League, and one reason for sharing this report with you is that you might share my rejoicing and unite with me in praising God for a new opportunity to bring in His "Harvest."

At the end of the second week, Alice reported even more people ready to unite with St. Mark's through transfer, seven more adults desiring baptism and more willing to prepare for confirmation, 24 additional children for baptism and 18 more for Sunday School.

The rest of the summer schedule goes like this: "Christ The King Lutheran Church," Denver; Nazareth and Trinity, Kenmare, N. Dak.; Bethlehem, Bowbells; United Lutheran, Flaxton; Tabor, Salt Lake City, UT; First Bethany, Denver, Colo.; Altura Community Lutheran, Aurora, Colo.; Our Savior's, Lincoln, NE; Okoboji Bible Camp; and St. Peter's, Northfield, MN.

In some of these places the team will work only one week, or a few days. We prefer to have them work at least two weeks in each congregation, but are happy to know they will be fully employed for the 12 week period.

Additional reports will be published from time to time and a complete summary at the end of the summer work.

If you are a young person interested in serving on the future Caravan team, we invite you to write to the Youth Office for information.

If you are a Pastor or Council member who feels you need the service of a Caravan team in your parish, you also are invited to write to the Youth Office for further information.

In the meantime, let us pray for the team and the thousands of families they are contacting this summer.



## People and Places

### Decision:

Our Synodical Convention in **Racine, Wisconsin**, approved the Church Council recommendation to place the General Fund of our Synodical Luther League on the budget of Synod. This is real evidence of the love and support which our people and pastors have for their youth and the work being done among them. It is also an expression of faith that the young people within the local congregations will continue and increase their loyal support of the church's program. Your gift to your church becomes a gift to your Luther League, and each an offering to God.

### Disappointment:

Word has been received that the Lutheran youth from East Germany who had planned to attend the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Minneapolis will be the guests of our Synodical Luther League this summer have been denied their visas by the Communist government. This is a deep disappointment for them and we. We are happy, however, that we will be able to list two alternates from other nations in place of them.

### Wisconsin Bible Camp:

Wisconsin Luther Leaguers will gather July 14-20 at Spencer Lake near Waupaca for their District Bible Camp. Pastor N. B. Hansen of Poy Sippi will use "A Journey to Our Foreign Missions" as the theme of his discussions. Pastor Alvah Byers of the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis will speak on "God the Creator," and Pastor Homer Larsen of Cedar Falls, Iowa, will challenge the campers with messages on the theme, "Christ and You." Wisconsin Leaguers should contact their local pastors for further information.

### Northfield, Minnesota:

Members of the Senior Luther League of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Northfield, held a June meeting at Cranberry State Park. The late afternoon was spent in exploring the various trails through the woods. A dinner roast was followed by informal fellowship around the campfire.

## LEAGUER GOES TO LEPER VILLAGE

Robert Mortensen, a Luther Leaguer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota, will sail for Thailand early in August to spend a year helping at the Lutheran leper colony in that land.

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### OUR GUESTS FROM ABROAD

Because of travel restrictions laid down by the government of the East Zone of Germany, it was not possible for Hans-Peter Ekardt and six other East Zone youth to come to America. Taking the place of Mr. Ekardt is Mr. Hinrich Buss of Germany, (West Zone). He and Gunther Beck will visit churches of the Elk Horn, Iowa, area upon their return from the Luther League Convention at Fresno. For information call Pastor Clarence Jensen, Elk Horn, Iowa.

### SYNOD VOTES TO PLACE LUTHER LEAGUE ON BUDGET

A Church Council recommendation to place the General Fund of the Synodical Luther League on the synodical budget was adopted at the recent convention in Racine.

This means that local leagues will no longer have a separate quota for Synodical Luther League, but will support their league and all the work of the church through the Benevolence Fund of the local congregation.

Contributions to synodical Luther League mission projects should still be sent through your district Luther League treasurer.

Bob's year will be spent at Trinity Village, named after and largely supported by his home congregation. He will accompany Robert Wulff who established the leprosy village in 1955 after having worked some time at the Presbyterian McKean Leprosy Colony. Wulff returned to the United States early last fall because of sickness in the family.

Young Mortensen who graduated from Albert Lea High School this year is financing his own trip. The Trinity Luther League later hopes to help sponsor young people interested in missionary and leprosy work with an "on-the-spot experience" which will help them reach a decision concerning mission work and which will serve to assist Missionary Wulff and the native evangelists and clinical workers.

Mortensen and Wulff will drive a jeep pick-up to the West Coast where they will board a freighter for Thailand. The jeep is a gift from the Trinity Brotherhood and will be used in evangelism and leprosy work.

The two young men will live simply after the manner of the natives among whom they will live. Missionary Wulff, knowing that the patients are waiting and that the doors are open, says, "All that is holding us back is our own lack of faith and initiative."



# Our Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen

Viborg, South Dakota

## NEW GOVERNMENT IN COLOMBIA

By Helen Danielsen

"Yes, we're proud of you." How we've heard it over and over again these days in speaking of our University students. One week ago the strike began throughout all our Universities in Colombia, our students refused to go back to study. The spirit soon caught fire and we soon found all our banks, industry, schools, etc., at a complete standstill and closed to join them in a fight for a new government. The strike was nation wide in just a short while and everything at a complete standstill. Manifestations began through the streets, and the strike continued until they were given a new government. After one week of a refused surrender by the public, the president in charge resigned and the power was given into the hands of a committee of five army officials. Promising the people liberty of press and elections in 1958.

I believe you all remember that the country has been under the state of siege since the year Gaitan was killed in 1948, several horrible years followed and finally four years ago the army took over and since then we have really been under dictatorship. Under the burden of it all, I imagine the people decided they could take no more. And now that the President was up for a new period of leadership, it was do something now, or more years of suffering. The strike began—the students paid the price—today all we hear is "long live the students." We cannot tell you the joy manifested in the faces of our precious Colombians, freedom of press after nine years, a final promise of elections after these nine years.

And all without bloodshed. (Perhaps a hundred people were killed.) An experience that perhaps the country has never had before. Their victories have always been through bloodshed. At last they have found there are stronger forces than arms.

May this mean the dawning of a new day for Colombia.

## CHINS UP IN TUNJA, COLOMBIA

By Belva Nerlien

It is good to give thanks to the Lord . . . to declare Thy steadfast love in the morning and Thy faithfulness by night." (Psalm 92: 1-2) As the night of the old year gives way to the dawn of the new it is good indeed to thank God in whose service we have been so richly blessed, so abundantly pardoned, so graciously sustained.

Storm clouds were threatening at the beginning of the year when we opened Colegio Celco of Tunja for the first time. Stones frequently banged against the

front door; once the vestibule was literally papered with Roman Catholic dodgers. Legion of Mary members waited nearby at dismissal time trying to win the children's confidence with candy and quizzing them about school, the location of their homes, etc.; the same women visited their parents offering father a job, mother free sewing lessons, and the children free uniforms, books and tuition at the school of their choice if only they would break off relations with the Protestants. After some six weeks the molesting stopped and the Lord graciously brought us through to the end of a successful year. A total of eleven children were enrolled for a shorter or longer period in the course of the year, though the official enrollment was only seven, one of whom finished the year in our school in Bogota, another withdrawing because she was needed at home. It was a disappointment that some who gave the school loud and enthusiastic verbal backing were not ready to risk enrolling their own children. Now we face the same situation for 1957: one man insists that we must not draw the school now that it was tolerated during the first year; yet he will not send his daughter to our school because he would like to see it on a more stable basis first and because he fears it might mean expulsion from a government school for his son. The dearth of students whose parents will openly declare themselves non-Catholic may mean that the school must remain closed this year. (Ed. note — the school is functioning again this year.)

An incident during Holy Week showed us that there is counter-education in some homes to help keep fanaticism in check. A father who brought his wife and daughter to visit manifested that his express purpose was to prove to the girl that Protestants are not meat eaters as her nun-teachers were telling her.

Out of the group which had been attending confirmation classes since January, eight were confirmed Christmas day with Mission Superintendent Morck officiating due to Pastor Quanrud's illness. This brings our confirmed membership to sixteen besides the ones who are in charge of the work. Prospects for starting another class before 1957 is too far underway are good.

The Youth Group has taken on greater stability and more general participation in programs since a governing council was elected in July. The greater part of their offerings have gone toward the purchase of a portable stage for special programs. The Word has been brought to more people through weekly visits of a committee of three representing the women's society to different homes in the city. The women have purchased tables for use in VBS and hope soon to buy more chairs.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

Christ was no appeaser. He spoke, He also acted. He lashed out against "Ye generation of vipers." He took a whip in His hand and used it against those who defiled His Father's house. What could truly prevent man's descent to bestiality and abomination if the conscience destroyed and the ultimate accounting to God to be non-existent?

Many people shudder at the thought of atonement, just as they shudder at the thought of the Cross. But atonement or retribution there will be. We must make a choice.

Atonement before God has a purpose and a meaning, adding stature to the soul. Retribution involves increased suffering of our loved ones, sooner or later. Those who break God's law pay the price to the third or fourth generation.

Science teaches that every action has a consequence. So does the past. There is no escape. This inexorable law goes further: we can sin and cause trouble by what we do. We can also sin and cause evil by what we leave undone. Much of today's chaos is the sequence of sins of omission. We often ask, why should the innocent suffer? We so seldom ask, what have we left undone to cause innocent people to suffer?

From **The Sure Victory**  
by Madame Chiang Kai-shek  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Religion is a cheap slot-machine religion. It is used as a means to an end rather than an end in itself. Would it be like to have peace of mind? Try religion. Would you like to get along better with members of your family, or those with whom you work at the office? Religion might help. Would you like to have a healthier body, a healthier mind? Try religion. Don't misunderstand me. Religion does give peace of mind; it does provide better relationships; it does mean healthy minds in healthy bodies. But religion is not a substitute for anything other than the presence of God. We should seek God, not for what we can get out of Him, but for what He can get into us. We should love our earthly fathers, not to please our allowance or inheritance, but because of our appreciation and respect for them and because they are lovable. We should love God because of our love for the things God loves. We should seek to be used of God rather than seek use of God.

Gaston Foote, in  
Footnotes,  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it! We need to be in dead earnest about our main business of winning the world for Christ's Kingdom.

A man engaged in conversation with a Communist who had put a leaflet in his hand. He advised the Communist, "It is no use; you will never get anywhere doing this. At best there are but two hundred thousand Communists in America, while we Christians number seventy-five million."

The communist replied, "Remember Gideon's band? They had only three hundred. Members of my party are willing to live on the barest necessities of life. Every dime we earn above and beyond our simple needs we turn back to our cause; we believe in it with all our hearts." Then he went on to say, "We are going to be victorious, and, if you want to know, I will tell you why. We have an unshakable faith in our cause. We are even willing to die for it. That is more than you are willing to do!" Is it? How far will you go to serve your cause?

Reuben K. Youngdahl in  
**The Secret of Greatness**  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

One story stubbornly keeps place in my memory. It is of a minister who on meeting a little boy one day, asked, "Sonny boy, who made you?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," the little boy replied, "I ain't done yet."

That sharp answer contains a very wise bit of philosophy. The lad realized that he was still on the make. He was growing up. The longer he lived, the more opportunity life would give him. So it should be for every one of us — no matter what be the days of our years. Life can be ever so much more wonderful if we sincerely believe in God, who doeth all things well. He gives us grace and glory on an ever-increasing scale as we open to Him our lives and our souls and our minds.

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I often think of the little boy I saw sitting outside of the walls of Versailles. He was holding a little sparrow with a broken wing. A kindly lady came along and she asked, "Sonny, would you like me to take this sparrow home and nurse it back to health? I promise I will bring it back to these gardens when it is healed and let it fly free again."

The little boy thought for a moment. Then he said, "If you don't mind, Madam, I will take care of the bird myself." He paused momentarily and added, "Because, you see, I understand this bird."

The woman could not quite get what the boy meant until he stood up. Then she saw his left leg was in a cast. Because he was crippled, he understood the suffering bird's problem.

The God whom I know became incarnate in Jesus Christ and came into the world to learn what problems I must face in life, so that He can match the strength I may need in order to face those problems triumphantly. That is why, when I walk with Him, I can have such confidence.

Reuben K. Youngdahl, in  
**The Secret of Greatness**  
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

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## BY THE FIRESIDE

### A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE

You are my people, given me to love,  
To serve, to shepherd through the days ahead;  
I pray God that I may be worthy of  
This honor! I am glad that I was led  
To come to you, that through God's gentle grace  
My lines have fallen in this pleasant place.  
I would be strong to work where there is need;  
I would be true to serve you as I should;  
And I would give the Bread of Life to feed  
Each hungry soul who comes to me for food;  
And I would honor with my every word  
The blessed Saviour — Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
I plead with you for patience. Should I make  
An error, I would gladly make amends,  
Or if some unintentional mistake  
Be mine, I crave your understanding, friends.  
As pastor and as people, may we be  
Builders together, for Eternity!

—Grace Noll Crowell

### FLY GLADLY, ARROW

Straight wand of willow,  
Steel tip and gray quills,  
Fashioned to fly  
As the archer wills,  
Drawn from the quiver,  
Fitted to the bow,  
Tough and bent to shoulder,  
Released, I go  
Out into free air,  
Nothing shall bind me,  
Leaving the bow-string  
Twanging behind me.

Silently, Swiftly,  
In long, level flight,  
Piercing wide space  
Like an arrow of light,  
Unswerving, unfaltering,  
The impelling force  
That launched me still holding me  
True to the course.  
Unerring the archer's aim;  
I shall not roam;  
Comes the shock as I strike the  
mark—  
Lo! I am home.

Fly gladly, arrow of my soul,  
Faith borne, on questing wings;  
Of a high course to the heart's goal,  
Something within me sings.

—E. W. E. in the Friend

### WHAT THEN?

We crave for years, for fame and  
wealth.  
And oh, how many things beside!  
With home and comfort, peace and  
health,  
Dissatisfied.

But should we reach the heights of  
fame  
Among our trusted fellow men,  
With laurels won, 'tis but a name;  
What then? What then?  
And wealth, perchance, it may be ours,  
The outcome of long toilsome years;  
We recognize its ruling powers  
To still our fears.

And though our days may number  
high.  
They may be fourscore years and ten;  
Mid fame and wealth to live and die;  
What then? What then?

—The Christian Herald

"Oh! that I could learn to throw  
more bouquets and not to throw so  
much cold water."

### THE ONE GUIDING STAR

One night when the fog was so  
heavy you could have weighed it, I  
assayed to ferry the Tennessee River,

at Hilman Ferry, in West Kentucky.  
My friend, the ferryman, shook his  
head in doubt as he came from his  
sleep at the sound of the horn. "But  
I urged desperately, "is there no way  
we can cross?" He replied, "We cannot  
see a light across the river; we are  
likely to land almost any point,  
even return to this side after we are  
half-way across." I suggested that I  
might note the current and go straight  
across. He shook his head, but looked  
upward and scanned the sky. Then  
he replied, "If you will stand on the  
prow and point to that star while I  
look at your hand, we can make it."  
I never knew before why the hand of  
Moses grew so heavy, but the light  
of that star led us safely through the  
fog and darkness, over the water as  
waves. Then I reflected, "O Star of  
Jacob, Star of Bethlehem, the Bright  
and Morning Star, be my Guide  
through the mists and darkness, over  
the waves and waters until I am safely  
home on the other shore. I know  
the currents of this old world will lead  
astray; I look to Thee alone. Other  
look on me as I point to the Star of  
Salvation. May I point aright until  
landing time for my soul?"

—The Biblical Echo

"I hear you are going to marry  
Archie Blueblood?" said one society  
woman to another. "Is it true?"

"Marry him?" exclaimed the other.  
"Not likely. What on earth could I  
do with him? He's rejected from the  
army, he can't ride, he can't play tennis,  
golf, and, for that matter, he  
can't even drive a car!"

"Oh!" said the friend, "but he can  
swim beautifully, you know."

"Swim, indeed! Now, I ask you,  
would you like a husband you had to  
keep in an aquarium?"

A deer hunter arrived for his first  
season at a Wisconsin lodge and began  
unpacking his large assortment of  
equipment. Attached to one of the guns  
was a drawing of a deer, and below it  
a message from his wife: "Here is  
what one looks like."

Two members of a north country  
church were talking about their minister's  
singing voice.

One said: "They say his singing  
over the radio helped sell thousands  
of radio sets."

"I can quite believe that," said the  
other. "After hearing him. I sold  
mine."



Local Budget comprises: (1) Children's Homes, (2) School Fund, (3) General, (4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund, (7) Synodical comprises: (A) Foreign Missions (where most needed), (B) South America, (C) Japan, (D) Santal, (E) Sudan, (F) Jewish, (G) China.

Previously acknowledged (June 15, 1957)

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Extra-Synodical**	World Lutheran Action
Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer for Silver Anniversary:	52432.47	7467.84	31075.75	13888.88
Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid, Eugene, Ore., \$20; Immanuel Women's Guild, Minneapolis, \$2; Bowbells Luth. L. A., Bowbells, N. D., \$15; Pella Ladies Aid, Sidney, Mont., \$5; Nazareth Luth. L. A., Kenmare, N. D., \$8.25; Greenville, Mich., W.M.S. \$5; Women of the Church, Walnut, Graettinger, Ia., \$8.25; Women of the Church, Graettinger, Ia., \$48; Women of the Church, Cedar Falls, Ia., \$137.45; Ladies Aid of Scranton and Coon Rapids \$37.04; Pacific Dist. W.M.S. "Bay Area" Circuit Meeting \$60; Bethel Luth. W.M.S., Green Bay, Wis., \$1.00 for: 1/2 School Fund and 1/2 to Home Mission	337.99	337.99		
from Circuit No. 1 of Iowa Dist. W.M.S. which met in Beresford, S. D.	400.00	(E)	400.00	
from Wis. Dist. W.M.S. for July salary for Helen M. Jacobsen	35.25	(C)	35.25	
from Our Savior's Luth. L. A., Denmark, Wis., \$25; Gethsemane W.M.S., Racine, Wis., \$50; Trinity Luth. W.M.S., Washington Island, Wis., \$10; Kingo Luth. Women of the Church, Milwaukee, Wis., \$10; for Rev. A. Morck's Translation Fund	70.00	(E)	70.00	
from Calif., from Metta Aaskov	95.00	(B)	95.00	
from Wis., from the children attending Daily Vacation Bible School for Hungry Children	10.00			10.00
from Ore., Bethesda Luth. Church, 1957 quota paid in full for L.W.A.	31.03	(D)	31.03	
from Ore., Bethesda Sunday School	356.27			356.27
from Calif., from Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Jeppesen, School \$40; Home Mission \$25; Pension \$10	364.64			364.64
from \$5; C, \$10; D, \$5; E, \$5	75.00			
from Minneapolis, Minn., from Mrs. Marie Andersen and Mrs. Werner Larsen for Dr. Winther's work \$10	25.00		25.00	
from Wis., First Eng. Ev. Luth. Church from Mrs. Willie Hansen	1.00	(D)	1.00	
from the Luther League Y.E.S. envelopes	65.00			25.00
from the Sunday School	56.40			56.40
from Nebr., from Mrs. Lillie Johansen in memory of Mrs. P. C. Johnson, Fremont, Nebr., and Mrs. Christine Johnson, Brush, Colo.	5.00	(C)	5.00	
from Falls, Ia., from Mr. and Mrs. John Therkelsen and family in memory of their baby daughter, Susan Marie for Children's Home	5.00			
from Arn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church, from Mr. and Mrs. John Leistad \$10 and Rev. and Mrs. Henry N. Hansen \$3.	13.00	(A)	13.00	
from Wis., St. John's Luth. S. S. for Special Project	21.45	(C)	21.45	
from N. Y., from Rev. and Mrs. Hans Jersild in memory of Mrs. P. C. Johnsen, Fremont, Nebr.	5.00	(C)	5.00	
from Nebr., from Paul and Kaja Gade in memory of her father Magnus Hansen—Home Miss.	5.00			
from Ia., from Rev. and Mrs. Harry Sorensen—School Fund	20.00		20.00	
from Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. S. S. \$20 each for (B) and (C)	40.00			40.00
from Calif., from Richard H. Lincoln, School Fund \$100; Home Mission \$250	759.18	(A)	250.00	159.18
from Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church	27.79	(C)		27.79
from N. D., from friends and relatives in memory of Mrs. Nels Lund, Mohall, N. D.	52.00	(E)		52.00
from N. Ia., from the Viola Circle No. 2, \$10 each for C, D, and E.	30.00			30.00
from Na, Calif., Thorpe's B & B Supply	3.24	(C)		3.24
from Ariz., from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Mikaelson for Dr. J. M. T. Winther's Mission	5.00	(C)		5.00
TOTAL	55346.71	8300.83	32185.51	14860.37

Received with thanks, June 22, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY DISTRICTS OF THE U. E. L. C., FOR 1956-57 FISCAL YEAR AND 1956 L. W. A.

1956-57 SYNODICAL QUOTA				1956 LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION QUOTA			
	Quota	Paid	Total Confirmed Members	Average Contrib. Per Mbr.	Quota	Paid	Average Contrib. Per Member
Canada	\$ 8,820.17	\$ 6,214.35	1,159	\$5.36			
Canada (Canada)	3,934.00	2,486.95	596	4.17			
Canada (U.S.A.)	7,035.00	5,535.22	910	6.08	1,306.50	1,117.88	1.23
Canada	19,358.25	17,203.22	2,066	8.33	3,584.40	2,494.64	1.20
Canada	45,046.20	41,420.23	4,786	8.65	6,015.10	6,097.06	1.27
Canada	86,435.00	73,507.14	9,217	7.98	11,653.20	10,050.07	1.09
Dakota-Montana	16,559.40	15,803.58	1,695	9.32	2,230.80	2,024.40	1.19
Dakota	41,518.80	35,992.48	4,578	7.86	5,606.30	4,789.74	1.04
Dakota	47,149.90	48,253.79	5,330	9.05	6,351.80	6,926.92	1.30
Dakota	70,214.00	66,246.20	7,401	8.95	9,458.90	8,365.38	1.13
TOTAL	\$346,070.72	\$312,663.16	37,738	\$8.28	\$45,207.00	\$41,866.09	\$1.11

#### CHINS UP IN TUNJA, COLOMBIA

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a set of dishes for the congregation. Twenty-six men were enrolled in VBS for three weeks in December.

As we advance into the New Year, we pray: "So give us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. . . . Satisfy us in the morning with Thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. . . . Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, that the work of our hands establish Thou it." (Psalm 90:4, 14, 17.)

#### PRAYER AS A PRIVILEGE

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Praise and adoration are less concerned about the gifts and more concerned about the Giver.

The praising and adoring soul knows the true meaning of fellowship with God. God thus becomes the believer's partner for something greater than material and temporal gain, even for spiritual enrichment in character development and in conduct of living.

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